

ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS
Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2009

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on Friday, August 7, 2009 at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, Montgomery, Alabama with the Chairman presiding and the secretary present. Board chairman, Jerry Satterwhite, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. There was a quorum of members present including: District I member, Sharon Argiro, District III member, Leisa Askew, District V member, Teresa Young, District VI member, Jerry Satterwhite, and District VII member, James Ware. Executive Director, Brenda Holden, was also present. Assistant Attorney General, Ellen Leonard, joined the meeting at 10:42 a.m. following completion of agenda item 3f. Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State's website.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Teresa Young to approve with no corrections the minutes of the June 24, 2009 special meeting. Voting in favor were Leisa Askew, Teresa Young, Jerry Satterwhite and James Ware with Sharon Argiro abstaining. A motion was made by Teresa Young to approve with a correction the minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Board Business

- a) Complaint Status: Executive Director, Brenda Holden, reported that 4 complaints are currently open.
- b) The board reviewed and approved the list of new licensees.
- c) The board reviewed the recommendation from the Hearing Officer for the Erin DeGostin license revocation hearing. Sharon Argiro made a motion to revoke the license of Erin DeGostin. The motion was seconded by James Ware. All five Board members present at the meeting voted in favor of the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.
- d) The Board reviewed the professional assessment regarding Vivian B. Landers. Teresa Young made a motion to accept Ms. Landers' application to renew her license. The motion was seconded by Sharon Argiro. Voting in favor of the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.
- e) Jeffrey Nelson met with the Board. Teresa Young made a motion to accept his application to take the LGSW exam. The motion was seconded by Leisa Askew. Voting in favor of the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.
- f) Eva Bibbs met with the Board. Sharon Argiro made a motion to accept her application to take the licensing exam. The motion was seconded by James Ware. Voting in favor of the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.
- g) The Sharon Jones hearing was rescheduled.
- h) Sharon Argiro made a motion to accept the application of Stacey Green to take the licensing exam. The motion was seconded by Teresa Young. Voting in favor of the motion was Sharon Argiro. Voting in opposition to the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion did not pass. James Ware made a motion that Stacey Green be asked to meet with the Board and bring a reference from her current employer. The motion was seconded by Teresa Young. Voting in favor of the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.

- i) The Board reviewed the Attorney General's opinion on allowing supervision by web cam. This cannot be allowed without changes in both the Code of Alabama and the Administrative Code for the Board of Social Work Examiners.

New Board Business

- a) Leisa Askew will speak about the Board to an Introduction to Social Work class at Auburn University October 23rd.
- b) The Board reviewed financial information. Brenda Holden made a presentation of the advantages of ceasing the printing and mailing of the newsletter. In the absence of Janet Rawls, Teresa Young gave the report of the budget committee. The committee is recommending an increase in fees to \$100.00 beginning 1/1/2011. Sharon and Teresa will compile figures and a presentation to be given by Janet at the Public Hearing explaining to licensees the need for the increase.
- c) James Hall met with the Board. Attorney, Ellen Leonard, advised that in Alabama there is no allowance for reciprocity with a state which does not use the same licensing exam required of Alabama licensees. James Ware made a motion that reciprocity not be granted and that Mr. Hall take the licensing exam required by Alabama. The motion was seconded by Teresa Young. Voting in favor: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.

PIP Applications

New applications

- a) Joe Lane Dooley, Jr.—approved for clinical social work. Denied for social casework.
- b) Emily B. Bashinsky—approved for clinical social work.
- c) Nefertari T. Brown—approved for social casework and clinical social work and denied for social work administration.
- d) Barbara Ann Czechanske—denied clinical social work.
- e) Martha B. Edwards—approved for social casework, clinical social work, community organization, and social work administration.
- f) Rand M. Edwards—approved for social casework and clinical social work. Denied for social work administration.
- g) Karen C. Lewis—approved for clinical social work. Denied for social casework and social work administration.
- h) Troy S. Martin—approved for clinical social work and social work administration. Denied for community organization and social casework.
- i) Allen R. Stata—approved for clinical social work.

Additions to PIP

- j) Julie A. Feely—denied social work administration

Other Requests

- a) The Board reviewed information from Granville Andrews III and concluded that no further supervision is needed.
- b) The Board reviewed a letter from Stephan Manbazo and will thank him for his interest.
- c) Teresa Young made a motion to waive the CE requirement for Norris Laurence. The motion was seconded by James Ware. Voting in favor of the motion: Jerry Satterwhite, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. Voting opposed to the motion: Sharon Argiro. The motion passed.
- d) The Board reviewed information from Myra Davis and did not approve her request to obtain all of her CE hours by self-study.

- e) Teresa Young made a motion to give a waiver for CE credit to Amelia Kelly-Wofford. The motion was seconded by Sharon Argiro. Voting in favor: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, Teresa Young and James Ware. The motion passed.
- f) Jerry Satterwhite will reply to the inquiry from Sherry Bishop regarding diagnosing.
- g) The Board reviewed information from Brittany Nazario and concluded that no further supervision is needed.
- h) The Board granted a waiver for some CE hours to Bonita Glover.
- i) The Board reviewed a question from Cheryl Crusse and will advise to follow the policy of the employing agency in the matter.
- j) The Board reviewed information from Joanne Palmer and denied a request for reciprocity.
- k) The Board granted a CE waiver to Leslie Turner.
- l) The Board denied the request to reinstate the expired license of Susan J. Hebert.

Proposed Date, Time and Location of next meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. September 18th in the Board Conference Room.

James Ware made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second. Voting in favor: Jerry Satterwhite, Sharon Argiro, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Teresa Young had departed the meeting following agenda item 6l and prior to the assessment of the PIP applications. The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Jerry Satterwhite

Sharon Argiro

Board Chairman

Board Secretary